

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable Rights, that among them are:

1. The right to say good bye to fear of rejection and hello to affirming and gardening all the wonderful things that God has made in me.
2. The right to say good bye to a seemingly lack of faith in the Creator, and hello to a realization that I have had much more faith than I ever realized.
3. The right to say good bye and good riddance to the worry of tomorrow and hello to the blessings of today.
4. The right to say good bye to having control of every seemingly threatening situation, to the fear at the chalkboard, and hello to "He that is within me is confident and in control".
5. The right to say good bye to needing every one's approval, and trying to please everyone, and hello to saying that I have done my honest best and "He who is within me approves".
6. The right to say good bye to parents, teachers, elders, and preachers and figures of authority who are always right and hello to "Hell no, they're not!"
7. The right to say good bye to being a thermometer in life that measures what's going on about me, and hello to being a thermostat for Christ that sets what's going on about me.
8. The right to say good bye to thinking I do not have a choice in life, and hello to Deut. 30:19 *"I have set before you a choice of blessing and cursing, life and death; therefore, choose life, not just for you, but for your children."* I say hello to life ... Christ-Life.
9. Finally, the right to say good bye to motorcycles with fast engines with big front brakes and hello to digital photography and the Scriptures.

And for support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence, I pledge to each other here our Fortunes and sacred honor as we have in our Lord.

Signed... This 12<sup>th</sup> day of April 2005 ....